

The Brompton Hospital for Consumption has received from Washington cheques for one thousand dollars and five hundred dollars, representing the prizes awarded to the Hospital and the Frimley Sanatorium at the recent International Tuberculosis Congress. This is satisfactory evidence that the good work done by these institutions is appreciated by an expert international authority.

At the recent Monthly Board of the Nottingham General Hospital, at which Sir Charles Seely presided, the following resolution was passed:—"That the Secretary be instructed to make inquiries as to women taking part in the management of hospitals having at least 200 beds, either as members of the governing body or otherwise, and that a Committee be appointed to advise with him on the matter." The Board then proceeded to appoint the Committee, which will shortly meet to consider the question.

Mr. T. S. Nettlefold, who presided last week at the annual meeting of the Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women, said that 742 patients had been admitted during the year, and there had been 719 operations, a decrease of 32. The management of the In-patient Department has been most satisfactorily conducted by Miss Richmond, assisted by Sister Hawkins, and the efficiency of the nursing staff is all that can be desired. The death-rate for the year, .77 per cent., was too good to be maintained, and death rates should really be looked at over periods of five years. It was encouraging, however, to see that the general tendency was always downwards, while the cases dealt with were becoming more difficult. The more successful they became the more anxious they were to tackle more difficult cases.

Lady Evelyn Eyre opened a new wing to the Nurses' Home at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Saturday. During the proceedings Mr. Eyre (Chairman of the Hospital Management Committee) announced the receipt of a gift of £1,000 from a lady, who wished to remain anonymous, for the purpose of installing the X-ray system in the Hospital.

The exchange of Physician-Superintendents has now taken place at the Ruchill and Belvidere Hospitals at Glasgow, but the strong feeling aroused by the methods employed to effect this extraordinary arrangement has not yet cooled down. At the last Glasgow Corporation meeting a motion for a Special Committee to report on the management of Ruchill Hospital, although supported by several members, was defeated.

Councillor Willox, who first made public the friction *re* Miss Wilson, is issuing a booklet in connection with the matter, the profits to go to the Royal Infirmary. The law agents of Miss Landles, the Matron of Ruchill Hospital, have given him notice that if the publication be prejudicial to the interests of their client they will hold him in damages therefor.

The Royal Commission on the Poor-Laws.

The Report on Ireland by the majority of the Royal Commission on the Poor Laws and Relief of Distress has been issued this week. It recommends the abolition of Boards of Guardians, and general workhouses, and the creation of new local authorities to be called the Public Assistance Authority. It also recommends that the necessitous aged and infirm be accommodated in a number of specialised institutions, and preferably in small homes or almshouses. That where outdoor relief is granted to this class it must be adequate in amount and the recipients should be periodically visited by officers of the Public Assistance Committee, who might be women, and wherever practicable by voluntary visitors.

Nurses' Prize Scheme.

Messrs. Southall, Bros., and Barclay, Ltd., who are so well known to nurses for the excellence of the nursing necessaries which they supply, will shortly issue a revised and enlarged edition of their "Nurses' Companion and Laundry Book," and are offering prizes for ideas and suggestions from professional nurses. Nurses who desire to know more about these prizes and the conditions of the competition should apply to the Lady Manager, 17, Bull Street, Birmingham, enclosing a professional card. The competition, which is now open, will close on June 14th, and the names of the successful competitors will be published early in July.

Robb's Foods.

Robb's Foods and Nursery Biscuits are well known to nurses and midwives for their excellence, to which we can testify from personal experience. A proof of their wide-spread popularity is that the firm are purveyors to upwards of twenty Royal Nurseries, and, by special warrant, to H.M. King Alfonso XIII. of Spain. Just now the firm is sending out large testing samples, with an explanatory booklet, free of charge to nurses and nursing institutions on application, which should be made to Messrs. Alex. Robb and Co. (Dept. 122), 79, St. Martin's Lane, London, W.C., and nurses and midwives should certainly avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded them of testing these various preparations. The samples include No. 1 and No. 2 Milk Foods for babies, from birth to four months, and four to seven months respectively; the biscuit powder for children from seven months upwards; the nursery biscuits, which are useful for invalids and aged persons, as well as for infants; tops and bottoms, which may be used in the same way, and charcoal biscuits, which are more than palatable—they are really a very pleasant article of diet. We are sure that those who send for these samples will be pleased with their quality and usefulness, and we have every confidence in directing attention to them.

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